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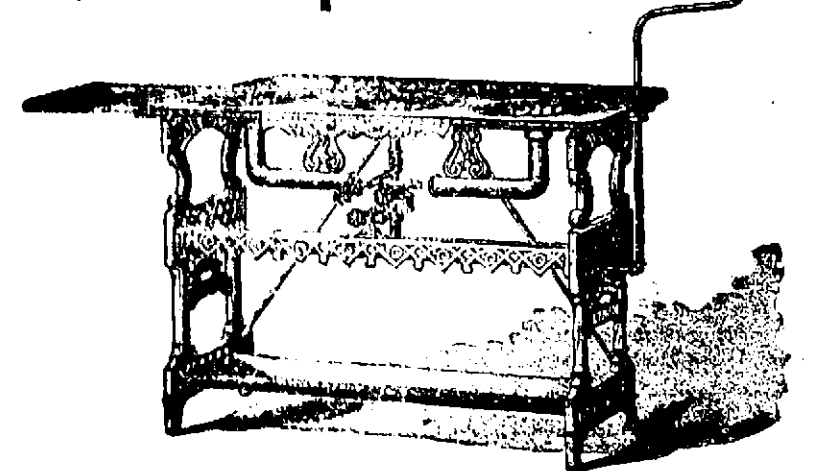
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- One \$10.00 Man's Overcoat.
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- One \$10.00 Silver Knives and Forks, from O. E. Curtis & Co.
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- One \$10.00 Oil Stove.
- One Fine Celluloid Toilet Set, from Henry Smith, druggist.
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- One \$10.00 Boy's Suit.
- One \$10.00 Boy's Overcoat.
- One \$10.00 Morocco Valise.
- One 10 Piece Decorated China Chamber Set, from R. Liddle, value \$15.
- One \$7.00 Child's Suit.
- One Barrel Flour, from D. S. Shellabarger & Co.
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- One \$5.00 Silk Umbrella.
- One Fine Club Bag Valise and Strap.
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- One \$5.00 Child's Overcoat.
- 15 Prizes, each consisting of one Bronze Clock.
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May 21, 1884

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The above is first-class in every particular, and will be sold at 70 cents on the dollar.

Rev. Father Wilds' EXPERIENCE.

The Rev. Z. P. Wilds, well-known city missionary in New York, and brother of the late eminent Judge Wilds, of the Massachusetts Supreme Court, writes as follows:

"78 E. 5th St., New York, May 16, 1882.

MESSRS. J. C. AYER & CO., GENTLEMEN:

Last winter I was troubled with a most uncomfortable itching humor affecting more especially my limbs, which I could not get rid of by any means, and which I could scarcely bear any clothing over them. I was also a sufferer from a severe catarrh and catarrhal cough; my appetite was poor, and my system a good deal run down. Knowing the value of AYER'S SARSAPARILLA, by observation of many other cases, and from personal use in former years, I began taking it for the above-mentioned disorders. My appetite improved almost from the first dose. After a short time the fever and itching were allowed, and all signs of irritation of the skin disappeared. My catarrh and cough were also cured by the same means, and my general health greatly improved, until it is now excellent. I feel a hundred percent stronger, and I attribute these results to the use of the SARSAPARILLA, which I recommend with all confidence as the best blood medicine ever devised. I took it in small doses three times a day, and used, in all, less than two bottles. I place these facts at your service, hoping their publication may do good.

Yours respectfully, Z. P. WILDS."

The above instance is but one of the many constantly coming to our notice, which prove the perfect adaptability of AYER'S SARSAPARILLA to the cure of all diseases arising from impure or impoverished blood, and a weakened vitality.

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cleanses, enriches, and strengthens the blood, stimulates the action of the stomach and bowels, and thereby enables the system to root out and overcome the attacks of all Scrofulous Diseases, Eruptions of the Skin, Rheumatism, Catarrh, General Debility, and all disorders resulting from poor or corrupted blood, and a low state of the system.

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Refrigerators,

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Force Pumps,

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The Best Force Pump Made.

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CHAS. LAUX, Proprietor.

South side of the Old Square, Decatur Jan. 1, 1880-dw

If we had the running of the Democratic party we should raise objection to all reference to the "brand of 1870." When the Electoral Commission was appointed the Democrats had a large majority in the House of Representatives and Samuel J. Randall was Speaker. Either there was or was not a doubt who had been elected. If there was such a doubt, then as no Electoral Commission bill could have been passed except by the concurrence of a Democratic House of Representatives (in which the Democrats had a vote of 181 to 107 Republicans) the assent of the Democratic House is an act binding on the Democratic party which it has no right to repudiate. If there was such a doubt, moreover, no Democrat has yet been able to explain what better mode of resolving it could have been resorted to than was actually adopted. If there was no doubt who was elected, then the political party that will participate in getting an electoral commission appointed on the ground that the case is one of doubt is guilty of deliberate lying in its collective capacity and can not be worthy of the Presidency. Whoever horn the party now assumes is equally disgraceful and cowardly. It is cowardly, after the fact, to assail those Democrats as traitors who participated in the commission because in an official sense they were for the time the Democratic party, and no party can make political capital out of its own treason. The "brand issue of 1870" is itself a fraud.—Inter-Ocean.

A Startling Discovery.

Mr. Wm. Johnson, of Huron, Dak., writes that his wife had been troubled with acute Bronchitis for many years, and that all remedies tried gave no permanent relief, until he procured a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, and Croup, which he used as directed, and produced a permanent cure. It is guaranteed to cure all Diseases of Throat, Lungs, or Bronchial Tubes. Trial bottles free at Swearingen & Hubbard's drug store. Large size \$1.00. ad

Shoe Making by Machinery.

The *Shoe and Leather Reporter* justly remarks that the introduction of labor-saving machinery has been the most potent cause of the cheapness of shoes in this country. The genius of inventors has devised implements for doing pretty much all the work that is required from the cutting to the finishing of a shoe, and doing it so neatly that the inexperienced cannot distinguish hand-work from machine-work, and the experienced know perfectly well that the latter is for all practical purposes as good as the former. The instruments first contrived for saving leather were crude and imperfect; there were so many little defects about them that they were not regarded with favor, and did not do satisfactory service. But by degrees the faults have been so completely remedied that they do their work admirably, and the three-quarters of the handsomest shoes sold in the country are put together by machinery. In the factories the hands are distributed into "teams," each team constructing a particular part of a shoe, many men contributing in the several ways to its configuration. Of course the closest attention has to be given to all the details; it is essential that the materials should be selected with discriminating judgment; that the cutting should be so skillfully done that there be no waste of stock on the one hand, and no inferior material used on the other.

Russian Longevity.

From a correspondent who has passed some years in Russia, we learn that in the village of Vellkotti, in the St. Petersburg Government, an old woman is living who has just attained her hundred and thirtieth birthday. The old lady is in the enjoyment of good health, but complains of her deafness (and no wonder). Her hair is still long and plentiful, considering her age. She spent her youth in great poverty, but is now pretty well off. She has outlived three husbands, and had a family of nineteen children, all of whom have been married, and are now dead, the last one to die being a daughter aged ninety-three. She lives with one of her great-grand children, a man of fifty. Our correspondent also informs us that a few months ago an unusually curious wedding took place in Ekaterinobol, in Russia. The bridegroom was sixty-five years old, the bride sixty-seven. By former marriages, each of them have children and grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren living in the same town. The bridegroom's father, now in his one hundred and third year, and the bride's mother, in her ninety-sixth year, are still alive and were at the wedding.—Chamber's Journal.

—It will be more or less painful news to many persons who reverence the Father of his Country as a man without guile, to learn that he once owned and played upon a fiddle. The legends in charge of Mr. Vernon are negotiating for the purchase of the instrument, which is in the possession of Colonel J. Washington, and is valued at \$1,500. When secured they will place it beside the flute which the illustrious sage used to blow upon when not fiddling. As yet there is nothing to show that he was addicted to the piano.—Indianapolis Journal.

Almost every person has some form of scrofulous poison latent in his veins. When this develops in scrofulous sores, ulcers, or eruptions, or takes the form of rheumatism, or organic diseases, the suffering that ensues is terrible beyond description. Hence the gratitude of those who discover, as thousands yearly do, that Ayer's Sarsaparilla will thoroughly eradicate this evil from the system. 14

LYNN & SORRELLS are now prepared to show the largest and most elegant assortment of Carpets ever displayed in this market, comprising Ingrains, Tapestries, and Body Brussels of the newest designs and most beautiful colorings, at the lowest prices.

B. STINE is selling a Jeans Pants, well adapted for mechanics and workmen at 50 cents a pair.

Wilson Bro's White Dress Shirts, at B. Stine's.

Lynn & Sorrells will save you from 10 to 20 per cent in Lace Curtains, Window materials and Wall-Paper.

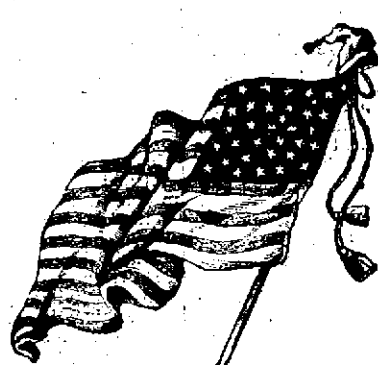
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If you want mill feed, corn or oats, you can be supplied at Shellabarger's.

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Save money and patronize French cutler, corner of old square.

THE HOUSE WE LIVE IN.



We heard a man say, he cared little what he ate, so there was plenty of it. What a shabby conception of the house he lived in. A palace and a hovel were all the same to him. Another class are as blindly careless of the outside. In either case a man cheats himself. The recovering of a house should look well and do well. The prim newness is marvelous, but it should be lasting. Whether a coat of paint, or a Coat of Broadcloth, Worned or Cheviot—inset on good quality—that don't grow rusty with summer rains.

Does your house need it? Is it worth a new coat of something to lighten it up? If so, call at

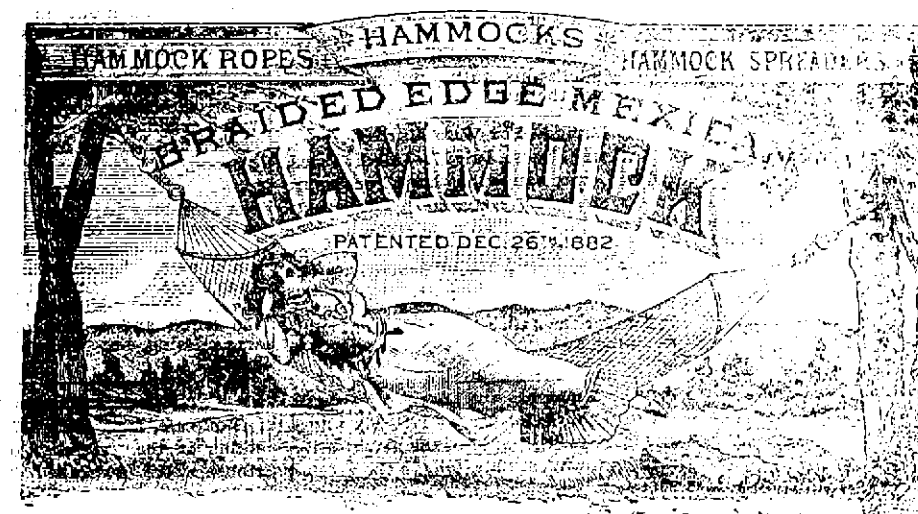
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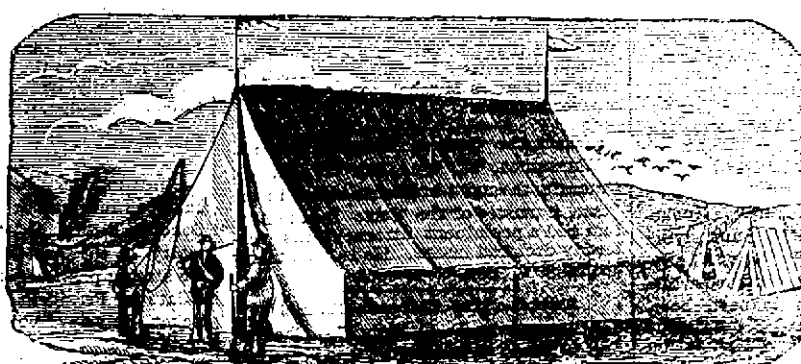
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June 21, 1884-dw



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STEAM HEATING.

Sealed proposals will be received till 1 o'clock p. m., Saturday, August 23, 1884, at the County Clerk's office, Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, for making in the building used as a Court House, apparatus for steam heating to heat the following rooms: Court room, Sheriff's office, Portland Grand Jury room, Treasurer's office, Circuit and County Clerk's offices. Bids will be received till the day of the opening of the bids. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

July 15, 1884

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Farm and Lot Lines Accurately Surveyed and Established.

Special attention paid to giving depth, fall and size of drain for systematic Farm, City and District Drainage.

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Sealed Proposals.

SEALD PROPOSALS will be received by the directors of the Macon Maucule Building Association, until 1 o'clock p. m., of Monday, July 22, 1884, for the erection of a building 4 feet front, by 30 feet deep, two stories high, plans and specifications have been modified, and can be seen at the office of R. J. Carter, secretary of the association. Excavation and stone foundation have been contracted for and brick will be furnished on the ground by the association. This may be made for the completion of the building for any part of the same. All to be completed by Dec. 1st, 1884. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

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July 9, 1884

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